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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1896.

It is reported that Governor Tanner in those cases where the law requires the ap-
pointment of Democrats will recognize
only gold Democrats. This shows that
Tanner has lost none of his astuteness.

The fundamental principle upon which
all Populism is founded may be embraced
in this: Among all that is noth-
ing is as it should be, hence the Populist
may be excused for complaining because
McKinty's popular majority is only 700,
000 instead of 1,000,000.

The father of Antonio Maceo and nine
of his eleven sons laid down their lives in
the cause of Cuba in the ten years' war
and in the present war Antonio and his
remaining brother have perished for
Cuba. This is a devotion to the cause of
freedom that few families can show.

No party ever succeeded in removing
the burdens from the back of toil by re-
pealing the laws which created a demand
for labor. That method has been attempted
on during the last three years and it don't
work well for either the toiler, his em-
ployer or anybody else except the consti-
ble, sheriff and the master in chancery.

The fellow who wants favor elections is
again coming to the front. Elections are
the just inheritance of a Republican form
of government. They prove schools for
voters and if elections were less frequent
the ignorance on the part of too many as
to the questions involved in an election
would endanger the perpetuity of the gov-
ernment.

It does not yet appear that the Republi-
cans will have power to pass a protective
tariff bill in the senate, but if they do the
people will have an object lesson in the
restoration of business, by doing our own
work in our own family, that will last for
many long years. It may be added that
the party that defeats a business tariff
bill in the present crisis will be held re-
sponsible for its obtuseness.

Those low tariff Republican journals
that aided the Democratic party so materi-
ally by their previous assumptions, in
carrying the country in 1893 will not be
able to dictate the rates in the next Re-
publican tariff bill. That bill will be
framed in the interests of the people and
not for the purpose of letting down easily
those journals that helped the free trade
ruin the business of the country.

Some of the papers are pointing to the
fact that pensions since 1895 have cost the
government \$2,000,000,000, but they fail
to recognize the fact that if it had not
been for the fellows who are now the pen-
sioners the division of the Union would
cost the government half that amount ev-
ery year for a standing army and other
expenses to maintain the government with
the confederacy out of the union.

William Jennings Bryan will soon at-
tempt to show that if Jackson were alive
he would be in favor of the free exchange of
gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.
The only familiar parallel to this under-
taking is found in the efforts of Bro. Jus-
per to show that "the sun do move and
the earth do not move." The earth can
say nothing about it. Neither can the
disembodied spirit of "Old Hickory."

Demand Extermination.

New York Sun: The apologists for
Spanish cruelty in Cuba have a habit of
first denying the truth of the reports of it
and then insisting that it is a stern neces-
sity. In saying that the reports of it are
false, they not only contradict numerous
official statements made by Spanish gen-
erals, and the vast amount of evidence
given by Cubans, but fall foul of the san-
guinary decrees of the captain general,
and the truculent utterances of the Havana
press, besides the testimony taken from
Cubans while they were alive and that
found upon their bodies after death. A
pro-Spanish newspaper of this city, print-
ed in the English language, expresses its
contempt for all such things, but then it
casts discredit upon the word of Spain not
less than upon that of Cuba.

From a Havana correspondent we have
received a number of La Union Constitu-
tional containing an article which marks
the character of the black flag "cam-
paign" in which Weyler is now engaged:
"The only way to treat the insurgents is
to exterminate them. We shall exter-
minate every person who helps them, direct-
ly or indirectly. We shall destroy every-
thing that can be of use to them. All the
world shall know that, if the Spanish sol-
diers are compelled to leave the island, noth-
ing but ashes will remain of Cuba. After
the extermination of every one who
dares to look in an unfriendly way upon

our flag, we shall rule Cuba with an iron
hand, so that, for centuries to come, there
will not be another attempt to overthrow
our sacred rights in the island."

This savage yell of La Union Constitu-
tional is not the voice of an irresponsible
madman; it is in full accord with the
terms of Weyler's bloody decree of Feb.
16, to this year, issued immediately after
his arrival in Cuba; it is in accord with
the Spanish decrees that were enforced in
Cuba during the ten years' war.

Gold Certificates.

One of the Boston banks has written to
Secretary Carlisle asking for the issue of
gold certificates and in reply to that re-
quest Mr. Carlisle says he is not yet pre-
pared to give the necessary order. After
the reserve has once fallen below \$100,-
000,000, and the issue of such certificates
has been stopped, it is not certain that
the secretary of the treasury, and particu-
larly in view of existing conditions, would
be justified in resuming their issue. It
has been the experience of the department
in the past that the normal increase of the
gold reserve caused by the exchange of
paper currency for gold is checked by the
issue of gold certificates, and, in fact, up-
on various occasions considerable amounts
of gold have been withdrawn from the
presentation of notes for redemption and
immediately redeposited in exchange for
gold certificates. Moreover, the house of
representatives of the fifty-third congress,
at its third session, passed a bill discon-
tinuing their issue entirely, and it is the
intention of the department to present the
subject again at a very early date. As
the amount of the gold reserve is largely
depleted from time to time by the
amount available paper in circulation, it
seems inadvisable at this time especially
to increase the volume of that currency
by the issue of gold certificates.

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stantly receiving boys of all ages from one
month to twelve years of age. It wants
homes for these boys. Any person want-
ing one can get it by informing Rev. David
Gay, Mattson, Ill., or Rev. George K.
Hoover, 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.
See Mrs. Florence M. Catto who can give
you all information needed.—15-43w2

Caney's Island, in the Illinois at Pekin,
is looming up as the water in the river
falls. It is a fair-sized island just now,
but there will be no tree house erected on
it this season.

Dancing.

The second term of Prof Leonard's
dancing class commences next Monday
night. Beginners' class meets at 7:30.
The fee for this term will be \$4 to all for-
mer pupils.—13-407

Edward Newman took to Gibson on
Monday morning six hogs which weighed
220 pounds, an average of 49 1/2 pounds
each. One of these weighed 650 pounds.
He sold them to a meat market there.

50 Cents

Buy a one-dollar largest size wooden
street car this week at out store.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

At Danville Miss Ada Simeon, a school
teacher, received \$1500 from the board of
directors in an action for slander. Miss
Simeon was discharged before her term
ended, because of certain children's stories
which proved false.

Christmas Candles.

Carnichael can furnish you with the
finest of Xmas candles. He also has
holly and evergreens in abundance.—16-1f

Barges loaded with corn from down the
river, towed by steamboats, are still ar-
riving at Pekin and unloading at the
river bank—and this the middle of De-
cember.

"Excuse me," observed the man in
spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and
that is not where the liver is." "Never
you mind where the liver is," retorted
the other. "If it was in his big toe or
left ear Do Witt's Little Early Risers
would reach it and shake it for him. On
that you can bet your girdle." A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

At a sheriff's sale at Weldon last week
a new outfit of engine, corn sheller and
two horses, costing over \$700, was sold
for \$150 cash.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich.,
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monia the past month, with good re-
sults." Newell Drug and Supply Co.
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ening and not weakening, small but
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Take a peep at our Handkerchief Department, and see
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18c, 20c, 25c.

We show three complete lines of manufactured sample
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on them while they last are just about one half of reg-
ular stock. See what we show at 10c, 15c, 20c, and 25c.

We show a very handsome line of Ladies' and Gentle
Umbrellas from \$1.00 to \$7.00 all guaranteed goods.

Ladies' 40 gauge, fine fleece lined Hosiery, full seamless, a
good 25c article, our special price, 2 pair for 25c.

Men's Ticking Mittens, best made, 10c pair.

Men's Good Heavy Wool Socks at 15c, 20c, 25c pair.

10 dozen Ear Muffs, 3c pair.

See our Record Breaker in Boys' Bicycle Hose, size 6 to
8 1/2, 2 pair for 25c.

Children's Heavy Seamless Wool Hose, size 6 1/2 to 9, goods
that sell everywhere but here at 25c; our price 15c a
pair straight.

See our 4-thread Silk Fleece Ladies' Underwear, 7c
goods, cut to 50c a garment.

38 dozen Ladies' 4 thread Silk Fleece Union Suits, good
value at \$1.48, Oneita style, price cut to 95c suit.

In Jackets and Capes we are simply making things stormy
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Corn, per bu..... 7c, 4 for 25c

Golden Rin and Santos Coffee, per lb. 25c

The Old Reliable Combination, per lb. 30c

Splendid Coffee, per lb..... 20c

Sauer Kraut, per gallon..... 15c

Homemade Mince Meat, 3 lbs..... 25c

2 gal. buckets Syrup..... 50c

Silver Drips Syrup, per gal..... 30c

1 package American Rolled Oats..... 25c

Bulk Oat Meal, 3c per lb; 10 lbs. for 25c

Cranberries, 2 quarts 15c; 4 quarts, 25c

Oyster Crackers, per lb..... 5c

Calumet Family Soap, 9 bars..... 25c

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The Park-Sawyer wedding will occur tomorrow evening.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Each 25-dt.

Home Made Candy at First N. E. Church Thursday. 14-dt

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made. Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

I. N. Irwin & Co. has a fine line of bottle perfume in fancy boxes for Christmas trade.

There will be a regular meeting of the O. U. A. M. this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Grand Army hall.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodot's News House.—14-dt

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for \$1.90.

Mama eats a Casacaret, baby gets the benefit. Casacaret makes mother's milk mildly purgative.

Bulk perfumes and atomizers for Christmas, low prices at West's drug store.

Just before going to bed eat a Casacaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Today a number of Decatur people went to Mt. Zion to visit Hon. and Mrs. Wash Smith who have taken possession of their new home.

Don't buy a pair of Xmas slippers or Xmas shoes till you have seen ours. Walter Hutchins, 355 North Water street. —14-dt wit

Elder W. W. Woodson has been commissioned deputy grand chancellor of Mystic lodge No. 64, Knights of Pythias, at Taylorville.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Casacaret will cure. Eat them like candy.

Business men, take dinner Thursday, Dec. 17th, with the Ladies at the First M. E. Church.

The stores generally are open each evening until about 10 o'clock. People find time to come up town and do holiday trading at night.

Faithful lodge of Good Templars will give an oyster sociable this evening in their hall in Gehhart's block. A musical and literary program will be given.

The concert and dance to be given by the Modern Woodman band under the direction of Will L. Smith will occur on Christmas eve at Gehhart's new hall, corner Packard and North Water streets.

Pete Smith is no longer a trusty at the jail. He took a drink or two yesterday and the liquid so fired his blood that he thought he was the sheriff and the whole thing. He was put behind the bars to sober up and reflect on the shady side of life in jail.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dt

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A Revelation to the Public. We have a story to tell to you if you will come and see us prior to ordering your Christmas turkey, duck, or goose. Game of every description to be had of us if ordered in time to be shipped in. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 314—14 dt

Taken to the Hospital Alice Wallace, the woman who has been ill at the poor farm, was brought to the city yesterday by Dr. Smith, the county physician and Steward Burley, and was taken to St. Mary's hospital. Her condition is serious and is not likely that she will recover.

Take No Substitute. **Gail Borden Eagle Brand** CONDENSED MILK Has always stood FIRST in the estimation of the American People. No other is "just as good." Best Infant Food.

GOT HIS SENTENCE.

Frank Cunningham, the Bogus Draft Prisoner, Gets Off Easy.

Last May there was quite a sensation in Decatur and also at Bloomington, when it was revealed that Frank Cunningham, under the assumed name of F. S. Cox, had attempted to swindle the Citizens' National bank of this city out of \$450 by means of a bogus draft on the People's bank at Bloomington. The effort was a failure and Cunningham who had fled through fear of detection became a fugitive from justice. He was captured a few weeks ago at Moweaqua just after he alighted from a freight train by Deputy Sheriff Holmes and Officer Imboden. He had been indicted by the June grand jury. Yesterday his case went to the county court, where he pleaded guilty to attempt to defraud. He was sentenced to the county jail for five days and was fined \$100 and costs. The money will be paid and Cunningham will go free in ample time to spend Christmas with his wife and infant child at Assumption.

It will be recalled that Cunningham was a much wanted and hotly hunted man for many months. He is an expert telegraph operator and had been in the employ of the Western Union company many years, holding responsible positions. He came to Decatur in May and registered at the St. Nicholas hotel as F. S. Fox. He was there a few days and haunted telegraph offices. At that time his wife was at Assumption. He sent messages to her through the I. C. office at the Union depot. One evening a telegram in regular form came through the Western Union telegraph office to the Citizens' National bank, purporting to come from the People's bank at Bloomington, asking the Decatur bank as a favor to pay the draft that would be presented by F. S. Fox. The next day Cunningham presented himself at the bank to get the \$450. But Milton Johnson, the bank president, was slow in action. He thought the man was all right but he was not certain. He was not sure that Fox was Fox, and he asked him to get somebody to identify him. Fox claimed to be a stranger but he named two citizens whom he thought would identify him. He didn't think identification so important inasmuch as the telegram he thought fixed that matter. Mr. Johnson, however, suggested that he bring in his friends, and with apparent indifference Fox went out. He did not come back, and it was well for him that he did not, for in a very short time Mr. Johnson discovered that both the draft and the telegram were frauds, and that a bold but skillful attempt had been made to swindle the bank out of \$450. Marshal Mason was called in and so was Manager Davis of a Western Union and the wires were kept hot between Decatur and Bloomington, while Superintendent Talbot of the W. U. in Chicago, got a move on himself and employed the Pinkerton detective agency to assist in the strenuous efforts that were put forth to capture Fox, who it was quickly discovered through his handwriting on the hotel register, and also from his personal description, was no other than Frank Cunningham, a former operator in the employ of the company. He was traced once to the home of his father, J. R. Cunningham, in McLean county, a gentleman who in November was elected recorder of McLean county, on the Republican ticket by a majority of 3700, running ahead of all other candidates. In some manner Cunningham got away, and nothing more was heard of the young man until one day at Indianapolis a message was sent to Mrs. Cunningham at Moweaqua, the sender under an assumed name stating that he would arrive there on a certain night. Notice had been given all operators to report promptly the contents of any message sent over the wires to Cunningham's wife, and the message came to Marshal Mason, who sent the two officers to Moweaqua in time to capture the slippery young man. It has since been learned that during the past summer when detectives and officers were looking for Cunningham he was employed under an assumed name in Chicago, St. Louis and Indianapolis, where the big political conventions were held, sending and receiving telegraph messages and receiving his pay for his work.

Now Cunningham will soon be at liberty. He will probably walk straight hereafter.

WOULD GO TO WAR

Dr. R. L. Walton says That He Would Like to be Surgeon of a Regiment to Assist the Cubans.

Dr. R. L. Walton says that he would like the chance of offering his services as surgeon of a regiment of volunteers from this city to go to Cuba and assist the patriots in fighting the Spaniards. In speaking of the matter the doctor said: "I am in earnest about what I say. I would like nothing better than to have the opportunity to go to Cuba with a regiment. The people of this country should volunteer their services to help Cuba. The killing of Maceo was as bad as any of the Armenian massacres which the people are talking so much about, and the same kind of murdering has been going on in Cuba for a number of years. It would be a good thing if we could organize a regiment of 1000 good men and go to help the Cubans. I am ready to go tomorrow if such a thing should be started. It is a shame that such outrages as take place in Cuba should be allowed and if the government is not going to do something the people on this side. They couldn't organize here and go as a regiment, but all they would have to do would be to go across the Mexican line as individuals and then form into a body."

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS.

Myrtle temple Rathbone Sisters have elected new officers as follows:

M. E. C.—Mrs. Bonnie Patterson.
E. S.—Miss Emma Weigand.
E. J.—Mrs. O. Kincaid.
M. of F.—Mrs. M. Davis.
M. of T.—Mrs. A. E. Lindamed.
M. of R. and C.—Mrs. Cora Dillehunt.
P. C.—Ellen Butzbach.
P. of T.—Mrs. R. Robinson.
G. of O. T.—Mrs. Ella Chapin.
Trustee—Mrs. A. Krenning.
Boy Leaf Camp, R. N. of A., elected officers last night as follows:

Orator—Mrs. Lizzie Weigand.
Vice Orator—Mrs. Kate Sullivan.
Chancellor—Mrs. C. Perry.
Recorder—Mrs. Clara Florey.
Receiver—Mrs. Thilo Price.
Marshal—Mrs. Ella Miller.
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. James Boyles.
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Bettie Lindamed.
Manager—J. M. Miller.
Camp Physician—Mrs. Dr. Pierce-Col-lins.
Representative to Head Camp—Mrs. Ella Miller.
Alternate—Mrs. Clara Florey.

A statement of the earnings of the Illinois Central Railroad company given out yesterday for the month of November and also for the four months ending October 31, while showing some large decreases also shows that during the four months named operating expenses were increased \$544,815. For the first third of the company's fiscal year gross receipts from traffic show an increase of \$209,211, while during November the same earnings are estimated to have decreased \$285,079. Net earnings for the four months decreased \$305,034.

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Invited.

Hon. J. R. Smith, of Taylorville, member of the Republican state central committee for the Seventeenth congressional district of which Macon county is a part, has received an invitation to attend the marriage of Governor-elect John R. Tanner and Miss English at Springfield on Dec. 20. Mr. Smith has announced that he will be at the wedding. He will do his best to represent the people of the district.

The Turley Patch Case.

Jesse and Henry Volles, the young farmers indicted for discharging a load of shot into Byron Fuller, who was appropriating a turnip from their garden patch, were before Judge Vail yesterday. Jesse, who fired the shot, was fined \$100 and Henry was discharged. Security for the fine was given and Jesse was released.

John Sablotnik and Julius Laskenski, the two Polish boys charged with stealing car doors from the Vandalla, were fined \$1 each by Judge Vail yesterday.

Vandalla Staff to be Cut Down.

There are to be some changes, it is said, on the Vandalla. When General Manager Turner was in Indianapolis he was locked up with Receiver Mallott for two days. It is understood that the receiver is of the opinion that there are too many officers and too many employees for the number of miles of road under his charge, and that Mr. Turner came at his solicitation to tell him where reductions can be made among both officers and subordinates. The receiver, it is said, could not see the necessity of three superintendents, a general superintendent, half a dozen engineers, not to speak of roadmasters, etc., on a little system that is pleading poverty.

High School News.

Preparations have been completed for the unveiling of the bust of Superintendent E. A. Gastman Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Alpha Beta Literary society held a meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to hold no meeting next week. The next regular meeting will be held after the holidays. The open meeting will be held Friday night. Officers were elected as follows: President, Wayne C. Williams; vice president, Charles M. Steele; secretary, Ralph E. Crum; treasurer, Allen Gleason; marshal, Charles F. Record. The members of the Senior class are discussing the question of wearing caps and gowns on commencement day. This would be an innovation but it might prove to be much cheaper than the present method of buying new clothes. The question is an interesting one.

Funerals.

The funeral of L. M. Richard, aged 49 years, took place this afternoon from Bolling Springs church. Deceased died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Larkin, at Bensdale.

The funeral of A. J. Williams was held yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 1315 North Union street. The services were conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe of the First Methodist church, and were very largely attended. Dunham post, No. 141 G. A. R., was present in a body. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Appropriate music was rendered by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gher, Mrs. F. E. Bunn and D. L. Bunn. The pall bearers were all members of Lieutenant Williams' old company, B, 116th Illinois Infantry, and were as follows: Milton Billing, Daniel Shutter, Lieutenant John H. Miller, F. M. Garver, L. Houck and Samuel Troutman. The interment was at Greenwood under the auspices of the G. A. R. The firing squad was composed of members of the Sons of Veterans.

German Methodist Conference.

The date, Thursday, Dec. 17, First M. E. church, dinner 35c, supper 25c. Dinner served from 11:30 to 2 p. m. Supper 5 to 7. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents will be on sale during the day. Everybody invited.—14-dt

German Methodist Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Belleville district of the German Methodist church will be held in this city this week. The first session will open Friday morning and the conference will continue until Sunday evening. It will be conducted by Rev. William Koeneke of Belleville.

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DON'TS FOR CHRISTMAS.

What to Give and What Not to Give Your Friends.

Don't pay more for the Christmas tree than you pay for the fruit.

Don't send your gentleman adorer a gold toothpick. He may have false teeth.

Don't send your pastor embroidered slippers. To travel the straight and narrow path requires hobnailed shoes.

Don't buy your daughter a piano and your wife a wash tub. If you reverse the order you will do justice to both.

Don't place your expectations of a Christmas gift too high. You may have to put your foot in your stocking to find anything in it.

Don't make your friend a present and be disappointed because he doesn't give you something. Perhaps you have surprised him.

Don't give presents to people not quite so prosperous as yourself and tell them not to reciprocate because they can't afford to make presents.

Be just before you are generous. Pay your debts before you buy presents. Your creditors may consider that they have received an unexpected gift.

Don't give your boy a drum and forbid him beating it, nor your daughter a horse and order her not to take it out of the stable without your permission.

Above all things don't have the bad taste to be forever harping on what you would like to have for a Christmas gift. Your friends may be attacked with nausea and get you nothing.

Don't make your wife a gift of something she has needed for an entire year, for then it looks as if you made a virtue of necessity and cheated your wife out of a real Christmas present.

There is generally a fine field for the exercise of charity within a block of your home. Save your shovels for your needy neighbors. The heathen in South Africa would find them too warm.

The beauty of making Christmas gifts is to have the recipient convinced that the present is an expression of friendship or love. Don't make it appear as a formality, an obligation, or because it was expected. Make the gift a heart offering or don't make it at all. Be it ever so small an object, inexpensive and of little value, if it is given in the spirit of sincere friendship it will be prized far beyond diamonds bestowed in compliance with the custom of the season, or because you feel that you have an obligation to discharge.

It Is a Great Play.

"The Prisoner of Zenda" which comes to the Grand opera house Thursday, Dec. 17, is a play that has been made famous on account of its strong dramatic interest, the romantic atmosphere which surrounds it, and the elaborate and artistic manner in which Daniel Frohman has set it before the public, and is acted by his superb Lyceum company.

Considerable interest was created by the story when it made its first appearance about three years ago, and the name of Anthony Hope became celebrated at once. Then came its dramatization by Edward Rose, followed by a magnificent production at the Lyceum by Mr. Frohman, where it created the greatest enthusiasm of any play produced in that house.

It remained there for the entire season—about 200 nights, and was afterwards sent on a tour, meeting with equal success in all the principal cities. The present company is the same as was in the original Lyceum cast.

Gymnastic Exhibition.

An athletic exhibition was given last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms by eight members of the gymnastic classes. There were about one hundred ladies and gentlemen present to witness the performance. The exercises were under the direction of Prof. Bear, the physical instructor. Some unusually difficult gymnastic feats were performed by the young men and the work reflected great credit upon the instructor. The purpose of the entertainment was to show what might be accomplished by the physical training. It is the intention of the instructor to give a series of similar entertainments this winter.

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AGAINST MADDEN.

Union League Club and Business Men Organize to Oppose His Election to the United States Senate.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Chicago business men, bent on letting the people of Illinois know what stripe of citizen Martin H. Madden is, met at the Union League Club yesterday and organized for action against the senatorial candidacy of that worthy.

Officers were elected and a complete plan of campaign was mapped out. The campaign will be put into practical activity tomorrow and until the result of the ballot has been announced at Springfield there will be no cessation of hostilities—the war against Madden will burn along from day to day. In addition to the officers and executive committee elected yesterday, various sub-committees will be appointed at tomorrow's meeting, each sub-committee to have a particular anti-Madden battery in charge.

There will be a sub-committee, for instance, on country legislators, one on Cook county legislators, one on sinners, one on publication, one on halls and speakers, and one on Madden's record, and one on governor-elect.

In connection with the latter committee a decided sensation was caused at yesterday's meeting by the receipt of the news that Governor-elect Tanner had persistently refused to say a word for Madden as a guide to the country legislators and that Jameson, Van Cleave and Madden were at that very moment engaged in conference with Mr. Tanner, urging him to make some sign at or following the state central committee meeting tomorrow. As bearing on this feature of the situation a member of the machine denounced Mr. Tanner at the Great Northern yesterday for "letting things drift" in regard to Madden's candidacy. Madden himself, as countless signs show, feels that his doom is being allowed to suffer from a kind of dry rot. Jameson and Van Cleave take the same position. They want Tanner to say the word that he refuses to say. But they will probably be content nevertheless, if Tanner should hold back the distribution of the state plums until after the senatorial question has been settled.

At any rate the getting together of the anti-Madden business men yesterday undoubtedly had the effect of driving Madden, Van Cleave and Jameson to Tanner for shelter, or promise of shelter. It was when the anti-Madden business men heard of all this that they decided it would not be amiss to have a sub-committee appointed to wait on Mr. Tanner and discuss Madden's candidacy with him.

The first action taken at the meeting was to elect a chairman, secretary and treasurer. Charles Truax was elected chairman, Albert D. Philpot secretary, and S. R. Udell treasurer. An executive committee consisting of twenty-five was then chosen.

This executive committee was culled from a committee of 300 that has been having a quiet kind of existence for some time.

While the practical outline work of the anti-Madden campaign will be thoroughly attended to by the sub-committee, it is considered well that a mass meeting, or several of them, should be held—some in Chicago and probably some out in the state. The first meeting will probably be held in the Auditorium, but that will definitely be decided this afternoon.

A telegram was received from Mr. Hitt at his quarters in the Great Northern last night stating that he would arrive in Chicago from Washington this morning in time for the invasion of country people expected tomorrow. William Lorimer has also signified his intention of returning, but not until next Monday.

The fight is getting warm, and the Madden men know it.

American Federation of Labor, Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—When the convention of the American Federation of Labor reassembled this morning the committee on labels reported favorably on recommendation of the cigarmakers, tin or cardboard signs, giving various labels to be distributed pro rata among unions so as to familiarize the public with labels, concurred in. Then the grievance committee reported on various matters coming under its jurisdiction in various parts of the country, and the matters were acted on. None of them were of special interest.

Delegate Clark reviewed the Olney arbitration bill and urged all labor organizations to exercise their fullest influence to secure its passage, and that there be no trouble over the reductions or other changes in the event of its becoming a law. The address was ordered printed, and referred to the committee. It is understood that strong resolutions of sympathy with Cuba will be adopted.

C. K. Clark, grand secretary of Railway Conductors' association and fraternal representative of the Railway Telegraphers and five other organizations, were introduced and received.

Delegate Duffer of Kansas City, offered a resolution reaffirming the Armour

packing boycott. This resolution was adopted and referred to a special committee to report a plan for pushing the boycott more vigorously. The report from the American delegates to the British Federation of Labor was read and accepted. The presentation of resolutions on the Cuban question was made a special order for 2 p. m. A recess was then taken.

It is understood that a strong resolution of sympathy with Cuba will be adopted. A canvass of delegates shows almost unanimous sentiment in favor of aid for Cuba even to the encouragement of enlistment.

The silver question or any other questions of political nature are not likely to be referred to in the resolutions this year as in former years.

HOT TALK IN COURT.

Arguments in the I. D. & W. Case Still in Progress.

The arguments in the circuit court before Judge Valli, the case affecting the legality of the organization of the Decatur and Eastern Railway company, known as the I. D. & W., is still in progress. It is expected that talk will cease this afternoon and that Judge Valli will be given an opportunity to give his decision this evening.

The opposing attorneys have been having a warm time of it today. Attorney John S. Miller, of Chicago, concluded his address in behalf of the organization this forenoon, when Attorney Outten followed for the same side. Then Attorney Harry C. Crawford, the famous corporation lawyer of New York, took the floor to finish the bombardment of words and court decisions bearing on the points at issue.

There was a sensational scene in court this afternoon while Mr. Crawford was talking. He had been frequently interrupted by Attorneys Smith and Miller, representing the organization. Mr. Crawford had to answer both attorneys and he was getting back at them in a way that seemed a k. for him and threesome for them. And then Mr. Crawford made a declaration to which Mr. Smith answered with some heat, "Mr. Crawford that is absolutely false." Quick as a flash, Mr. Crawford turned on Mr. Smith who was occupying a chair and said: "And I say it is absolutely true, and I can prove it." That was all. There were those in the court room who were then ready to witness a scrap but there was no physical collision.

Mr. Crawford went on with his argument apparently considering Mr. Smith's interruption of no special consequence.

Tanner's Inauguration.

The city papers today announce the names of the members of the various committees appointed to have charge of the inauguration of Governor-elect John R. Tanner. Decatur is honored. Charles M. Lytle is on the music and floor committee; Charles N. Twardell is on the reception committee and Hugh Crea is on the finance committee.

Death of a Child.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Plotner died of pneumonia this morning at the family home, No. 460 South Boyd street. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the residence.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear, Dr. Witte's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your rig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Attention, U. R. K. P.

You are hereby ordered to appear at your armory this Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Business of importance. A. T. Grist, S. K. Commander; F. O. Dawson, Recorder.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 16, 1896. The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December.....	77	77 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4
May.....	80 3/4	80 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4
Corn—				
December.....	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
May.....	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
Oats—				
December.....	20 1/4	20 1/4	20	20
May.....	20 1/4	20 1/4	20	20
Pork—				
January.....	7 5/8	7 5/8	7 5/8	7 5/8
May.....	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
Lard—				
January.....	3 8/8	3 8/8	3 8/8	3 8/8
May.....	3 8/8	3 8/8	3 8/8	3 8/8
Heavy 3 1/2% 3 1/2% 3 1/2% 3 1/2%				
Light 3 1/2% 3 1/2% 3 1/2% 3 1/2%				
Estimated for to-morrow, 38.00.				
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May wheat: pure, 78 1/2; extra, 80 1/2; curb, 78 1/2.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CASH LOAN
Wheat—25, Estimated, 19. Year ago, 205.
Corn—150, Estimated, 153. Year ago, 337.
Oats—286, Estimated, 290. Year ago, 177.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.
Wheat, 27; Corn, 310; Oats, 321.

Hog receipts 35,000; estimated 40,000. Market steady.
Light, \$3.15@3.25; Mixed, \$3.20@3.35; Heavy \$3.15@3.25; Rough \$3.25@3.40.

Estimated for to-morrow, 38.00.
Cattle receipts 10,000; market steady to strong.
New York, Dec. 16.—Butter, quiet, creamery, 13 1/2; Eggs, quiet, 13 1/2.

PROBABLE QUOTATIONS.
FLOUR, Dec. 16.—Corn, steady, No. 2 white, 24 1/2; extra, irregular, No. 2 white, 19 1/2; Rye nominal.

HAVE YOU ATTENDED TO YOUR Holiday Shopping?

Will you again delay it until the last minute—to be pushed about in the great crowd—and then buy what others do not want? Why not make your selection now, out of our complete stock? We will have your packages laid away until you call for them or order them delivered.

An Advance Sale of Christmas Handkerchiefs. There is probably nothing which is so universally used as a Christmas Gift for both ladies and gentlemen as a nice Handkerchief. Our stock is much larger than any other house in Decatur. Our prices clinch the argument in our favor.

200 dozen Ladies Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs, 5c.
100 dozen Ladies Unlaundered "Pure Linen" Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c each.
50 dozen Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 15c to \$1.50.
40 dozen Ladies' Pure Linen Scalloped Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.50.

35 dozen Ladies' Sheer Linen, with Hemstitch and Dashed edge, \$1.00 to \$4.00.
300 dozen Men's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 10c to 75c.
50 dozen Men's Mufflers, in white, black, Persian and Dresden effects, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each.

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NECKTIES—Everything that is new, nobby and modish can be found here in all the different styles—Puffs, Imperial and Tucks—in fact our stock is so large and complete that we can insure you satisfaction and easy selection. Prices much lower than is ordinarily asked for such goods.

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SMOKING JACKETS—In Fancy Black Flannels and bound, Tricot Flannels, plain and extra lined, and finer. "The Big Store's" prices from \$4.50 up to \$10.00.

MEN'S BATH ROBES—A great variety to select from Turkish, Edoon and Fancy Blanket Flannels from \$3.00 to \$10.00.

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CAUGHT A LEPIDOSIREN.

Rare Creature That is Both Fish and
Reptile and Eats Meat.

A lepidosiren has been caught at the
mouth of the Amazon river. Dr. Emil
Goeldi, director of the museum at Para,
reports with pride and glory the capture
of this rare and interesting creature.

One of the great ambitions of Dr.
Goeldi's life since he took charge of the
museum had been to become the possessor
of a lepidosiren. For several
years his ambition remained ungratified,
but now he is happy.

The lepidosiren is half fish and half
reptile, but this peculiarity is not his
only claim to distinction. He has many
strange habits. Hitherto naturalists
have been divided in opinion as to its
classification, some calling it a fish,
others a reptile, and others a combination
of the two.

It has legs and lungs and can live out
of water, but its head is distinctly that
of a fish. In the construction of its tail
it shows some resemblance to a newt.
The lepidosiren is sometimes inelegantly
called the mudfish.

It lives in shallow waters, which are
completely dried up by the sun during
a long period of the year. The muddy
beds are baked into a hard and stony
flooring and these animals would soon
become extinct if they did not possess
unusual means of defense against this
annual infliction.

When the hot season has set in and
the water has greatly lessened, the
lepidosiren wriggles its way deeply into
the mud. Its eyes are so constructed
that the wet soil cannot injure them
and the external nostrils are two shallow
blind sacs.

After it has reached a comfortable
depth it curls itself around with its tail
wrapped partly over its head and in
that position awaits the arrival of the
rainy season. It has a very flexible
spine, enabling it to curl itself up
thoroughly.

While it is curled up it secretes a
large amount of a shiny substance,
which makes the walls of its cell very
smooth and aids in binding the mud to-
gether. It lies in a torpid condition and
is evidently able to live without air.

When the rains fall the moisture pen-
etrates rapidly through the fissures of
the earth, cracked in all directions by
the constant heat, reaches the cell of the
lepidosiren, dissolves its wall and re-
stores the inhabitant to life, liberty and
the pursuit of happiness in the water.

The cell of the lepidosiren is techni-
cally called a cocoon. Until thoroughly
soaked in water its wall is very hard.
The mucus substance lining it forms a
sort of skin.

The lepidosiren attains a considerable
size and has very powerful jaws and
teeth. The one in the possession of Dr.
Goeldi measures over two feet in length.
— N. Y. World.

LAND OF THE COMMON PEOPLE.

The Future of California Will Be Very
Different from Its Past.

The future of California will be very
different from its past. It has been the
land of large things—of large estates,
of large enterprises, of large fortunes.
Under another form of government it
would have developed a feudal system,
with a landed aristocracy resting on a
basis of servile labor. These were the
plain tendencies years ago, when some-
body coined the epigram, "California is
the rich man's paradise and the poor
man's hell." But later developments
have shown that whatever of a paradise
the Golden state can offer to the rich it
will share, upon terms of marvelous
equality, with the middle classes of
American life.

Over and above all other countries,
it is destined to be the land of the com-
mon people. This is true because, owing
to its peculiar climatic conditions,
it requires less land to sustain a fam-
ily in generous comfort. For the same
reasons cheaper clothing and shelter, as
well as less fuel and other necessities,
are possible to realize more perfectly the
ideal of producing what is consumed. More-
over, it is a natural field for the applica-
tion of associative industry and the
growth of the highest social conditions.
Indeed, the country has distinctly failed
as a land of big things, and achieved its
best successes in the opposite direc-
tion.

Its true and final greatness will con-
sist of the aggregate of small things—
of small estates, of small enterprises,
of small fortunes. Progress toward this
end is already well begun. It must go
on until the last great estate is dismem-
bered and the last alien scud is returned
to the orient. Upon the ruins of the old
system a better civilization will arise.
It will be the glory of the common peo-
ple, to whose labor and genius it will
owe its existence. Its out-reaching and
beneficent influence will be felt through-
out the world.—William E. Smythe, in
Century.

Victoria's Kitchen Garden.
Queen Victoria is going to have a
large kitchen garden laid out at Os-
borne and conservatories and forcing
houses are to be extended and im-
proved, and a number of choice trees
and shrubs, sent by the empress of
Russia, are to be planted in spots chosen
by Princess Beatrice. At present there
are practically no gardens at Osborne,
and both there and at Balmoral all the
daily supplies of fruit and vegetables
are sent from the Froggall gardens near
Windsor.—Chicago Chronicle.

Exceptional Advantages.
"How is it that you are always in
debt? You should be ashamed of
yourself!"
"Come, now—don't be hard on a fel-
low. You would perhaps be in debt,
too, if you were in my place."
"What place?"
"Able to get credit." — Odds and
Ends.

No Quiet.
Mrs. Brown—Did you have a good
time at the party last evening?
Mrs. Black—Not at all. It was aw-
fully dull. We sat like mummies and
nobody had hardly a word to say.
We couldn't get anybody to play on the
piano, you know.—Boston Transcript.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Albert Barnes is in Chicago on business.
Mrs. W. R. Brestle is visiting friends in
Chicago.

John A. Brown went to Oakley today
on business.

Miss Ada Lower, who has been quite
ill, is improving.

Attorney I. A. Buckingham went to
Macon to-day on a business trip.

Attorney I. A. Buckingham went to
Chicago last night on a business trip.

Alderman R. R. Montgomery and wife
are home from Chicago where they have
been visiting.

Attorney C. C. Leforgee, who has been
confined to his home by illness for several
days, is able to be at his office again.

Miss Adyith Irwin, who is studying
music in Chicago, will be home this week
to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rhee have gone to
Republic, Mo., where they will visit W.
B. Chambers and family during the holi-
days.

Editor W. R. Jewell, of the Danville
Daily News, and Attorney W. R. Jewell,
Jr., both of Danville, are in the city
to-day.

Mrs. Milton Johnson and Miss Maude
Evans have arrived home from Waukegan,
Wis., where they were called by the seri-
ous illness of Mrs. Johnson's father.

MEETS WITH GENERAL APPROVAL.

Illinois Central's Old Scheme Fraught
with Excellent Results.

Three years ago the Illinois Central
Railroad company decided to give each of
its employees the privilege of subscribing
for one share of its stock at the regular
prevailing market price, payable by in-
stallments in sums of \$5, or any multiple
of \$5, on the completion of which the
company would deliver a certificate of the
share, registered in the employee's name.
He can then, if he wishes, begin the pur-
chase of another share on the installment
plan.

The success of the scheme has been
dwelt upon in every annual report of the
company issued since then. Nearly one-
half of the company's employees have
availed themselves of this opportunity and
have become stockholders during the last
three years.

About three months ago when the com-
pany assumed control of the Chesapeake
and Ohio Southwestern, it decided to ex-
tend the privilege of becoming stockhold-
ers to the employees of those lines.

Several of the western railroads have,
during the last two years, imitated the
example of the Illinois Central, and their
employees are taking kindly to the scheme.
It is generally believed that the scheme
of making employees stockholders will
secure better service and make strikes of
less frequent occurrence.

Did You Ever
try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your
troubles? If not, get a bottle now and
get relief. This medicine has been found
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cure of all Female Complaints, exerting
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strength and tone to the organs. If you
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vous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy
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riving at Pekin and unloading at the
river bank—and this the middle of De-
cember.

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pass on the street. Their
faces tell the story of their
lives. They tell the story
of penury or plenty, of re-
finement or coarseness, of
health or disease.

Three-fourths of these
people are not "exactly
well." They are not all
"sick," but many of them
are, and few are
quite hale and hearty.
Consumption has set its
stamp of pallor and emaciation
on many of them.
Dyspepsia has drawn lines
of fretfulness and worry
about their eyes, and
mouths of impure blood
showing itself in blotches
and pimples. One man
has "a little trouble" with
his kidneys. Some of the
women have chronic con-
stipation, and the other ill
that constipation brings.
The most painful of all
faces is the consumptive
one. Very likely it has
been through the other
stages and has at previous
times shown dyspepsia,
sallowiness and had blood
consumption doesn't come
all at once. It is a creep-
ing disease. It comes on
gradually under cover of a
hundred differing symp-
toms. It is the most
dreadful of all diseases,
but it can be cured if you
begin in time. Dr. Pierce's
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will cure it. It will cure
all the things that lead to
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Ladies' Black Cheviot Jacket in good quality with new style sleeves and collar. Well made. Was \$7.50, now.....	4.75
Ladies' Kersey Cloth Double Capes, full sweep, nicely trimmed with braid and fur. Was \$6.00, now.....	4.50
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3-pound can Table Peaches.....	12c
3-pound can Table Pears.....	12c
3-pound can Green Gauge Plums.....	12c
3-pound can Apricots.....	12c
2-pound can Sweet Corn.....	6c
2-pound can Stringless Beans.....	5c
2-pound can Early June Peas.....	7c
2-pound can Red Kidney Beans.....	6c
10c package Corn Starch.....	5c
10c Can Lye.....	5c
1 pound Broken Java Coffee.....	14c
1 pound good Java Coffee.....	15c
1 pound Good Large Prunes.....	7c
15-pound Pail any kind Jelly.....	45c
5 Pound Pail Jelly.....	19c
2-gallon Pail Table Syrup.....	55c
1 quart Table Syrup.....	9c
1 gallon Cooking Molasses.....	25c
1 peck Walnuts.....	12c
French Pork Steak, per lb.....	7c
French Pork Saus, per lb.....	6c
1 pound Mixed Table Nuts.....	9c
2-pound cake Limburger Cheese.....	30c
Brick Cheese, per lb.....	13c

TELEPHONE 194.

TRACKING THE TORNADOES.

The Working of the United States Weather Bureau Explained in Brief.

There are 154 stations in the United States advantageously situated, each in charge of a trained observer. At these stations observations are made twice daily and telegraphed to the central office in Washington. At eight o'clock a. m. and p. m., eastern time, which corresponds to seven o'clock in Chicago, six o'clock in Denver and five o'clock in San Francisco, each day in the year this army of trained officials, scattered throughout the country from Maine to California, is engaged in reading the different instruments with which the offices are equipped.

The station officials must be experts in this line of work, for within 15 or 20 minutes from the time that the observations are begun the instruments must be read, the necessary mathematical deductions made and the results enciphered on blanks and filed in the local telegraph office. Then, with the right of way, these messages are flashed over the wires to their destinations, each station contributing its own report and receiving in return reports from such other stations as it may need.

To large centers like Washington, Chicago, New York and other places all, or nearly all, of the reports are sent. As fast as the observations are received at the various stations using them they are translated and entered on charts. Isothermic lines (lines of equal pressure) are then drawn to locate the areas of "high" and "low"—the simple terms used to indicate the anti-storm and storm centers respectively—and isothermal lines are traced through places having the same temperature. The isobars are drawn for each tenth of an inch in pressure, and the isotherms of each ten degrees of temperature. Several charts, representing other meteorological conditions, are also prepared. When this work is completed the forecaster has before him a synoptic chart representing the weather conditions that prevailed only one hour before all over the United States and parts of Canada, for the latter government maintains about 25 observation stations and exchanges reports with the United States. By long experience and empiric skill the forecaster is able to deduce from the charts forecasts and warnings that, on the average, will be verified eight times out of ten.—Home Magazine.

HIDDEN TREASURE.

The Inca's Ransom Hidden Somewhere on the Peruvian Mountains.

Adventurers who seek more gold, without reference to art, should turn to Peru. To begin with, the balance of the Inca's ransom is hidden somewhere in the mountains between Cuzco and Cuzco. We may confidently assume that it has not been discovered, for if put into circulation at home the money market would have been convulsed, whereas the finders would have had no reason for keeping the secret had they got safely away to Europe. As for the evidence of deposit, there is Pizarro's official report that his comrades would not wait until the celebrated room was full. They were too impatient to murder their captive, though they knew that the billion lay upon the temple at Cuzco was on its way, transported by 100,000 llamas, each carrying 100 pounds of purest gold. The figure is not incredible, seeing how much remained when the conquistadores sacked Cuzco. News of the murder reached that precious caravan in the mountains; forthwith the priests buried their gold and returned. Every one concerned with the expedition, who could be identified, was tortured to death, but none would speak. Such is the contemporary account. But we observe that Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, obtained some information during his memorable expedition to Peru. He states, as if it were well known in the neighborhood, that the caravan left the highway at a spot now called Azurjoro—a name which people derive from the Indian "Asuan curin," meaning "more distant," "Away from the road!" cried the priests, "Further away!" One always feels the strongest reluctance to accept derivation of a place name from a spoken word. But it is not impossible nor improbable that in the course of centuries some hint of a secret which must be known to many Indians should have leaked out. This clue does not carry one far, however, among the peaks and canyons of the Andes, even if it be trustworthy.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Norwegian Moose Elk.

The moose elk—as big game as Europe can supply—is gradually getting extinct in Norway. It has been for some time protected by law, but by a law through which a keen sportsman has been able to drive, if not a coach and six, at least the necessary stalking horse and equipment. Its venison is certainly not the excuse for its slaughter, and still less its beauty. It is the ugly member of a singularly graceful family. If it should ultimately disappear from northern Europe we cannot lay the blame either on ladies or epicures. Its enormous nose, indeed, is said to be good eating, and the Norwegians seem to like its tongue, but there its attractions end. The law for its protection in Norway is curiously simple. More than one moose elk is not allowed to be killed on one property in one year. Unfortunately (for the moose) nothing is said as to the size of the property. The Norwegians are keen sportsmen and a law-abiding people. They don't poach much, but they evade the law. An owner of a property with moose on it subdivides the land into small shares, and then has a battue, killing off a whole family of elk.—London News.

Electric Industries.

It has been estimated that at least 2½ per cent. of the entire population of the United States make their living out of the electric light and power industry and the branches of trade directly dependent upon it.—Chicago Later Ocean.

SHOOTING A RUNAWAY.

He Stopped the Horse, But It Was an Expensive Procedure.

As the Star reporter was walking along Fourteenth street with a man the other evening a runaway horse dashed up street and disappeared around the Circle of Thomas.

"I never see a thing like that," commented the man, "that I don't think of my own experience, and at once thank the Lord that I live in a land of street cars. Let me tell you about it. I haven't owned a horse for 15 years, and I'll never own another one. That many years ago I thought a horse was an absolute necessity to my happiness, and it had to be a good one. I lived at that time in Cincinnati, and the only place for driving was on the roads through the hilltop suburbs. Well, I had bought a fine horse from Kentucky which had cost me \$700—"

"It takes those Kentuckians to get the earth for a horse," interrupted the reporter.

"I wouldn't be surprised," laughed the man. "In any event that's what I had invited in the one I bought, and he was an amateur as far as the city was concerned and needed at least six months' driving about the streets before he was worth anything as far as his safety went. The first Sunday I had him I went out on the hills to show him off, for he was a beauty and I wouldn't have sold him for twice what I gave for him, as he pranced proudly through the suburban avenues, the observed of all observers. But he was the deuce to drive, and I had to keep on a constant strain to prevent his getting away with me.

"But this wasn't enough, and at the turn of a road leading along a slight grade and out on a circle looking over a precipice at least 100 feet high into the beautiful Ohio valley he jumped, caught the bit in his teeth, and off he went. I saved and pulled, but it did no good, and when we struck the straight road of about 200 yards that meant sure destruction unless I stopped him before he reached the bluff at the end. I put forth all my endeavor. So absorbed was I in trying to save him that we were nearly to the bluff before I noticed that I couldn't jump out, as I had foolishly tied the lines around my wrists when I first started, a custom not entirely out of date yet. It meant dragging if I jumped, the most dreadful kind of death, and I preferred to take my chances in the buggy. Just then a policeman appeared at the circle, and I began to yell at him to shoot the horse. It seemed to me it took him a half hour to catch on to what I wanted, but it wasn't so long as that, and bang went the pistol, and bang again, and the third time bang—all so quick as scarcely to be counted, and my horse went down in a heap not 50 feet from the edge of the cliff and headed directly for it. Two jumps more and the beautiful landscape, sleeping so peacefully below, would have been streaked with my mortal remains, and \$700 wasn't too high a price to pay."

"Once, anyhow," ventured the reporter.

"Yes, once, anyhow; but I didn't want to try it again, and," concluded the narrator, "I gave the buggy and stuff and the dead horse to the policeman for saving me and took the street car for home, which the same is good enough riding for me."—Washington Star.



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The evolutionary process of the last 20 years has brought out some very valuable lessons for the future of California. It has demonstrated that irrigation is essential to the highest standard of civilization. The census of 1890 revealed the fact that two-thirds of the gain in rural population stood to the credit of eight counties where irrigation prevailed. The counties which reported rainfall had about reached a standstill or scored a loss. The people have always been divided on the question as to whether irrigation is necessary to those who oppose it, and the quality of the soil. Those who favor it insist that it is essential to the most scientific agriculture and to the maintenance of dense population. The last 20 years have answered the question forever. The answer consists of a comparison between the south and the north. The one was torn of the irrigation canal; the other of the mining camp and the when high civilization; the other by a low one. William E. Smythe, in Century.

A Girl with Eight Thousand Warts.
The most hideous-looking human being that has ever been seen in Germany is a young woman named Blatter, a young woman of 17, who lately applied to the Berlin hospital for treatment. She was found to be remarkably free from any disease, but her skin was literally covered with warts. The physician who examined her estimated the total number on her body at not less than 8,000. A similar case, although hardly as bad as that of Lizzy Rench, a girl who was in the Baltimore hospital a few years ago. She had about 5,000 warts on different parts of her body.—St. Louis Herald.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, testifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. L. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by a grippa, by Dr. King's New Discovery. H. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Honnig, 223 E. 25th street, Chicago, says she keeps it on hand and has no fear of a cough, because it instantly relieves it. West's drug store.

J. C. Mateer sold to John Brayton, for \$200, the Bailey property on Harrison avenue in Kankakee.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old-fashioned method of "breaking colds" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by the Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Dr. T. J. Pitzer, of Jacksonville, was elected president of the Morgan county Medical Association.

For Kidney Troubles there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries will agree to this. Noisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krohn.

Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, will be in Peoria December 17 and lecture at the Lazzell club.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing requested to call on the Noisler Drug and Supply Co. or N. L. Krohn and get a bottle of Foley's Kidney and Cough Cure, which always gives relief.

E. E. Langley, of Mansfield, has just delivered his corn crop, amounting to 1,000 bushels.

For Hoarseness, Henry Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Kidney and Cough Cure restored his voice. He used very largely by speakers. Ingerson, Noisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krohn.

Gov. Oglesby has been growing stronger ever since the election and is now in excellent health.

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J. W. Fitzgerald, a cabin boat brate Peoria, hit off the end of his stepson's nose. He was fined \$85 and given 15 days in the work house.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scald burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Henry Lemm, a Pekin trapper, shipped a consignment of pelts to Detroit, which were 3500 muskrat skins and many other skins.

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The city officials of Peoria have recently run in a score of bicycle riders for riding at night without lights.

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Forty dwellings will be erected in the spring in the industrial village of Milledgeville, a suburb of Springfield.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. He had used it for colds before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

